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This is the Initial Review of this statement. I'm good with it. Martin?

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EPA's review of water quality data collected to date indicates positive signs regarding metals and pH concentrations in the Animas River. While that information is encouraging, EPA is continuing to review all data collected to develop a comprehensive picture of water quality conditions in the river and in the plume itself. We are committed to a long-term effort to evaluate water quality impacts to ensure that we do all we can to address the impacts of the release.

Ultimately, state and local officials have the responsibility to make decisions based on the information that has been collected. EPA will continue evaluating data with our partners to develop a full picture of water quality to help inform state and local decisions about drinking water, irrigation, and recreational use.